THE OWNER ADDRESS

SHEELINGS AND SPORTS AT MELSON SEDOR :

Researd and ing and opert drynamite-games were brought under the notice of he judges at the researd Melson Chrysne-hermum Shaw, and certificates were younded as follows:-First-class certificates to Man. Marrick or youe white referred Jagonese seed-ing, drynamitsmusse. "Mar. X & Mor-ick"; also for loose patalled white Jag-mese and ing, "Lady Elizabeth." Cartificate of morit to Mar. Marrick for emes-sette loose petalled seedling Japon-se Chrysneshemum, "Mar. A. T. Ma-jumits." The Ar

nite

Castificate of merit to Mr. Bert Taskee for canany buff sport from Japanese physicatheman Sunstone, "Ethel. May

Certificate of merit to Ma W. H. Europeon for cream incurved aport from Japanese abrycenthemon Parcy, "Too Nucleate."

Avanta." "Mar. A. T. Maginnity" in after the Bagon hype. The bloom which was somewheat the certificaton measured 94 inches sorous. 11, antohor year, in tomes a little fuller, it will be a valuable r≠riety.

yariety. There are great possibilities in "Mrn. T. S. Bowicks," an stagod this poss--im-first. It was a grant throw, 9 inches keross, and perfect in symmetry: "Lady Elizabeth," the companion which, was not quite as good, but grant things are hoped for in this unisty sent same. The aporthy wase and swarth list choses vertification, but only entification of mariti-until they press to be "famil." "Ethof May Tasken." was a way mice Woon, phile "Tai Whitsets." was a decided break from its parent "Percy." (silver and pink), and threw one bloom which memo-ured 22 inches is a supress.

THE INTRODUCTION OF SWEET

PEAS INTO EXCLARA

- Great singers often say that they do not require to know anything about the annual structure of the worst organa. Similarly, we can all grow the sweet pen in complete ignorance of its history: Many of us, however, find an additional pleasure in trying to inarra all that is "on the books," as the lawyers say, about our floral invession. . Aa regards the sweet pes, it is strange to think that, while it has been grown in England for upwards of two hum dred years, to all intents and pergama its history, as for as the practical moust is concerned, has been made within the last fifta ye

tast nurp years. In the years 1999 three double in disily a most semesi Gapani. In his square time this holy mean studied the flows in-his beautiful island, and this flow in-613 Ochitizzi selaridi, and line flows in-cluded the sweet yea. Rol that he are namedi is. When he serie anoth the as Euglish correspondent, Dr. Evenhan, a schoolmassier at Kadicith, Midilinson, he described the flower as Lathyrun dis-toplatyphyllos, hirsuits, magno et betamene flow of the input is imported by the super-teration flow of the transfer superscription. soparypayitos, airsuits, magno et peramoeno, flore odoratissimo, purpureo. It takes my breath away to write it all down. Fancy being obliged to use this unwieldy cognomen in these days of hurry and scurry!

hurry and sourry! Well, such were the simple circum-sinaces attending the infroduction of the sweet pea into Great Britain. But the plant had already been referred to in botanical works. It was mentioned, for example, in the "Historine Flantarum" of Johannes Hauhinus, dated 1650. John Eay, of London, alluded to it as Eathyrus major e Siciliae in his "Historine Flan-Earum," published between 1680 and 1704 In addition to the seeds which Capani bent to Uvedale, he sent some to Casper Commeting, and what was, spparently. Commetics, and what was, apparently, the first illustration, was prepared from Bowers grown from these aceds. This gitture appeared in the "Horth Medic Amstelodamonsis." Subsequently, Jos sickness appeared in the "Morti-Medici Amatelodamonsis." Subsequently, Jos anis, Russannis, in 1873, described Ladysus soylanicus, and spoke of it as diffusing only from the Latkyrum of Cupani in the variety of the flow forces. Further experience proved that they wave, and and the same species, and from that species all modern aweef peas have been derived. So now to our sweet pea coung, and thanks, and ever more thanks, to the Monk of Sicily!

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CORRESPONDENCE.

FILMER.

Dast Veranica.-Will you kindly tell i M any kind of pot or vase would do i growing bulls in mose fibre, similar the filly of the valley in But week's ust is there really no drainage what-art I inquired at a forist's here for the wish howls, and they said there was a is in three, and they had some lock D for pr to the

and watar till overy particle is more part of it to become the well. Place senge part of it to become the well. Place sengered small bits of characteric is the bo-ture of the ware or lowek them cover with a baser of three, maniheted according to the depth of the vane, but not less than these incleas. Them plant the bulls or the flows. If more that case bull in plantool, one that they do not flow incleases the state one bulls in plantool, one that they do not flow wells round cash bull, but do not press is down too tightly. The vases are then plantool is the dark, a full wait-hated one ar cellar will answer, but on no account put them in a close cup-bound or confined airless room. Fractio-sily, no attention will be needed for the first two or three weeks, but after that examine them regularly at least one a week, water being given when accessary. Grant case is associable in keeping the more like moust, and not really wet or board or the they too state they or a blot dry. This is neally the secret for an a short time, it may cause the bulls to go blind, and on the other hand; cuters inch of growth, gradually remove them to the light. The fully mot are then bulls have made about an inch of growth, gradually remove them to the light. The fullowing sorts of bulks eas be grown by this mothod:— memens, hypenning, an excessed. buils can be grown by this methods: Thesian, hyseinthe, narciseus, lilium kly of the valley, schillan, etc., s, bliums,

Daliedil Notes from New South Wates.

The grower of daffodily in the coust The gnower of daffadils in the count district of New South Wales, though ob-taining fairly astisfactory results, espec-ally from the early blooming varieties, is quite taken out of conceit with him-self when brought face to face with flowers grown is the mountain districts where climatic conditions are more far-ourable. Still, there is a place for both, and as the mountain frame flowers once and as the mountain grown flowers come in much later than those grown in the milder climate of the coast, they do not come into competition to any great extent

extent. During the early part of September I had the opportunity of repeating the gleasant experience of several past years by spending a charming week end with Mr. Arthur Fates at his picturesque bulk farm at Rester, where I was for-banate enough to catch many of the new "sever" varieties it must, of course, be understood that imported bulks, tak-iow as they do from two or three sessions ing as they do from two or three seasons to sectimatize, are classed here as novel-ties long after they nave ceased to be no looked upon in England.

so hooked upon in England. Mr. Yastes is a large grower, and as present has about twelve acres under defludin, holding large stocks of the standard varieties, together with a good choices kinds, comprising in all not fewer than 400 varieties, besides a large series of seedlings in all stages of and ever-increasing collection of the growth. In addition to daffodils, atten-tion is devoted to tuilps, pascenies. Iris in large variety, ornamental trees and shrubs, while a porties of the grounds

is specially reserved for seed-testing. Passing through yeas breakts of prio-creps sumbers by the humbred Bussand, extensive bade of Bussesser and Emperen Sir Watkin, and other standard vari-tics, rows upon rows of Poeticus-em-natus, praceox, Poetarum, Almira, and grandifomma-l found with a grap, for befors me, rank upon rank, where many of the "blue bloods" of the daffudik world, veritable aristocrals bitherto known only from estalogue descriptions and associated with prices altogether be-yond the resources of a slender purse. Hones wills not persuit me to do more than briefly criticose they varieties which most appealed to me, and of these there were so many that I can well afford to pass over the items in which F was dis-appointed. Of yellow trumpets King Alfred all wound held prist of place for size, combined with bazace and exterms relinement, Van Waveren's Giant and Olympia, huge and striking, but some what coarse by contrast; Monarch and Lord Roberts, of great beauty and re-finement; Fred Moore, Golden Bell, Ad-mind Togo, and Moan (a Victorias seedling), all in good form; while Em-peror Constanting, a gigantic Emperor of great refinement as of the constitution, was one that specially impressed me. This variet, imported as an unnamed aced-ling, with unquestioneily make a many

was one that specially impressed me. This variety, imported as an unnamed seed-ling, will unquestionship make a mame for itself when better known. As apping the grants, the Johnstonii-varieties Queen of Spair and A Bennett-Poe wern much in euidmon, their dhinty beauty being quite a seatful affect and affording an encodient his to the gran-deur of their mejestis brethrem Of bicolor trumpets Weardalts Parfaction, seen is considerable quantity. was voled the first place of homour, with Duke of Bedford a close second Mrs. Morehaul Bedford a close secand Min. Morehand Crossicid (by no. means a moreltys) was large and showy and of wory gave col-ouring-this variefy san T. A. Borness Smith very closely; while Commin, with its splendid frilled trumpet, was not to be lightly passed over. Minm de Canadi was in plency and in sphandid conditions, as was Mrs. J. B. E. Canadi, not the arbitr. J. E. Canadi, and the shifts are shout to be discarded, were, as a whell, and their best.

about to be discussion, as a wante, past their beat. Among the Levdbit varieties I were grand dup, beside which that of Arischer is list. White Queen was magnificent and well worthy of all her discriber ships, while White Early, Maggie May and Elaine made a, tone of charming hillies in waiting. Of the incommerchilis I consider that

or the incomparabilis I consider that Homespun stands: along as a model of balance and commencer; but leanon Queen, seen for the first time, was per-haps the most noticeable, while Robin Solistance, Orangomas, Lasifur (with the spiradist nod cups, Latworth and fadly Margaret Bocowers all had their indu-vidual attaching all. Of the incomparabilis I com Solistane, Orangoman, Landier works and aphendid web oups, Landier works and landy Margaesi Boscawers all had their inde-vidual actactions. Allasteum, with ith mere satisfactory, term sister Suspit, and the two, reputal sports from Barnie con-spicans (Lady Godina and Brandon, were at their best, the Rubinstone, were at their best, the Rubinstone, a geoges of the best, the Rubinstone, A geoges of the best, its may be meetimely. A geoges of the barding were backing apicases to sport, its may be meetimely that it has been at back meetimely apicase of the barding of Barni con-apicases an sport, its may be meetimely and Godine. In the Parvi section the glowing cups of Friebrand, Orestes and Berenice membered them very prominent. Zenith was much in evidence, while the exquisite purity of old favourites such Zenith was much in evidence, while the exquisite purity of old favourites such as Ellen Barr and Ralstaff, as seen in the mass, still hold a good position in epite of the many new acquisitions. In the Englehearthi section Proceeding while the sight of Circlet assured me that that make me error in onthring it. As while the sight of Circlet assured me that I had made mo error in ordering it. As-fination te, too, with its brilliantly edged flat cup, in a very striking variety. Triumph, Jaune a Merveille, Elvira and others, judging by the brave show Mey made, indicate that the Poetas varieties revei under Australian sonditions, and for decorative purposes should prove in-valuable. waltab

valuable, While the older Poeticus forms are grows in: large quantities at Exeter, issay of the later creations, such as Homer, Horace, Chaucer, and Dante, are now making a show and proving worthy representatives of a section which, in my, opinion, embraces the gems of them blooming for the first or second time, were to me of special interest; Dut as they represent the results of croases made chiefly from the commoner varie; ties, great results cannot be Robkef for. Still, it was encouraging to Smithere and there socilings of grows promise, in

cluding an verquisite pure white Parel somewhat of the type of Ethermal, which will certhinly be a prime if it develops welk. As Mr. Nitce has of setup years been working exclusively from the bet-the marierica, his many thousands of set-lings, zow in all stages of development shall help largely in the fuarant to pro-wids a ince of local varieties batter adapted to Australian climatic conditions. a me many of the imported kinds. H. SELKIRK.

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